

FOR RELEASE: Oct. 27, 2004

CONTACT: Jo Simpson, 775-722-9796

Kirsten Cannon, 702-515-5057, cell: 702-595-2034

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Secretary Norton to Announce \$120 Million in Round 5 Project Approvals Under Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act, Oct. 28

LAS VEGAS—Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton will announce \$120 million to fund nine additional park, trail and natural area projects authorized by the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act, Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. Joining Secretary Norton for the announcement will be Rep. Jon Porter of Nevada's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

These projects are in addition to the SNPLMA Round 5 expenditure approvals announced last August. Under SNPLMA, the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management is authorized to sell public lands that are more appropriate for private ownership and development, and to turn the funds around for education, water and conservation in the state of Nevada. The land sold is controlled by the community and enables growth to be planned and coordinated for the fast-growing Las Vegas Valley.

**Who:** Gale A. Norton, secretary of the Interior

Jon Porter, U.S. representative, Nevada's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

**What:** Announcement of Round 5 projects under the Southern Nevada

Public Land Management Act

**When:** 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004

Media availability immediately following announcement

Where: Las Vegas City Council Chambers

400 Stewart Avenue Las Vegas, Nev.